

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON ENERGY, TECHNOLOGY, AND FEDERAL RELATIONS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel Zolnikov, on January 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 472  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Zolnikov, Chair (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. Adam Hertz (R)  
Rep. James O'Hara (R)  
Rep. Andrea Olsen (D)  
Rep. Zac Perry (D)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Nate McConnell (D)  
Rep. Alan Redfield (R)  
Rep. Shane A. Morigeau (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sydney Kessel, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 21 and HB 22, 1/10/2017  
Executive Action: HB 56, Tabled

**HEARING ON HB 21**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:54 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 21, Establish benefits and retirement security task force.

00:02:34 Rep. McConnell joins the meeting

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:04:06 Chris Cavazos, Montana State (AFL-CIO)

00:04:52 JD Lynch, Building Construction Trades, IBEW #44 and Teamsters #2

00:05:20 Rep. C Knudsen has joined the meeting

00:05:58 Mayor John Williams, Coalstrip

00:07:21 Senator Ankney

00:08:13 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County

00:09:56 Jim Atchison, South Eastern Montana Development Corporation

00:10:53 Harold Baltie, Montana Associations of Counties (MACo)

00:11:14 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)

00:14:00 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns, (MLCT)

00:15:11 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

00:15:55 John Metropoulos, Talen Energy LLC

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:20:42 Vice Chair Skees

00:23:31 Rep. Keane

00:23:41 Vice Chair Hayman

00:24:32 Rep. Keane

00:26:03 Rep. Rosendale

00:26:07 Rep. Keane

00:26:26 Chair Zolnikov

00:26:34 Rep. Bishop

00:28:59 Rep. Keane

00:29:36 Rep. McConnell

00:30:06 Rep. Keane

00:31:05 Rep. Olsen

00:31:57 Rep. Keane

00:32:15 Vice Chair Skees

00:32:41 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO

00:32:49 Vice Chair Skees

00:33:07 Chris Cavazos, AFL-CIO

00:33:24 Vice Chair Skees

00:33:53 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC

00:34:38 Chair Zolnikov

00:35:05 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC

00:36:05 Chair Zolnikov

00:36:31 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC

00:37:44 Vice Chair Skees

00:38:12 Kelly Lynch, MLCT  
 00:38:48 Vice Chair Skees  
 00:39:45 Kelly Lynch, MLCT  
 00:40:17 Rep. Rosendale  
 00:40:57 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC  
 00:41:20 Rep. Rosendale  
 00:41:42 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC  
 00:42:07 Mayor John Williams, Coalstrip  
 00:42:44 Rep. Rosendale  
 00:42:57 Mayor John Williams, Coalstrip  
 00:43:38 Rep. Hertz  
 00:44:10 John Metropolous, Talen Energy LLC  
 00:44:16 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy  
 00:45:08 Rep. Custer  
 00:45:47 Mayor John Williams, Coalstrip

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:46:35 Rep. Keane

**HEARING ON HB 22**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:47:30 Rep. Jim Keane (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 22, Appropriate money to assist/intervene/plan for closure of coal-fired generation.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:53:00 Senator Ankney  
 00:54:38 Mayor John Williams, Coalstrip  
 00:57:09 JD Lynch, Building Construction Trades, IBEW #44 and Teamsters #2  
 00:57:32 Michaelyn Hawk, Self

**EXHIBIT(feh11a01)**

01:00:06 Bob Gilbert, Rosebud County  
 01:01:33 Dave Galt, Montana Association of Oil and Gas Counties  
 01:02:08 Jim Atchison, South Eastern Montana Development Corporation  
 01:02:58 Keith Allen, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers of Local 233 (IBEW)  
 01:03:38 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns, (MLCT)  
 01:04:16 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center, (MEIC)  
 01:04:54 Rep. Morigeau joins the meeting  
 01:08:34 Chris Cavazos, Montana State AFL-CIO

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:09:49 Rep. Hertz  
 01:10:26 Rep. Keane  
 01:11:28 Rep. Hertz  
 01:11:42 Rep. Keane  
 01:11:50 Rep. Hertz  
 01:12:01 Rep. Keane  
 01:12:23 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy  
 01:13:17 Rep. Keane

01:13:30 Vice Chair Skees  
01:14:05 Rep. Keane  
01:14:47 Vice Chair Skees  
01:14:58 Rep. Redfield joins meeting  
01:15:04 Rep. Keane  
01:15:41 Vice Chair Skees  
01:15:58 Rep. Keane  
01:16:08 Chair Zolnikov  
01:16:23 Rep. Keane  
01:16:45 Chair Zolnikov  
01:16:53 Rep. Keane  
01:17:16 Vice Chair Skees  
01:18:05 Rep. Keane  
01:18:20 Rep. McConnell

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:18:47 Rep. Keane  
  
01:19:22 Chair Zolnikov  
01:20:42 Rep. Morigeau

**Motion/Vote:** Rep. Skees moved that **HB 56 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Rep. A. Knudsen voted by proxy.

01:23:38 Rep. Olsen

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:24:31

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Sydney Kessel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([feh11aad.pdf](#))